

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously presented) Topical compositions, comprising as an active ingredient, one or more hyaluronate fragments, wherein the hyaluronate fragments all have a molecular weight of between 50,000 and 750,000 Da and at least one retinoid selected from the group consisting of retinol and isomers thereof, retinal, and esters of retinoic acid.

2. (Previously presented) The compositions according to claim 1, wherein the molecular weight of the hyaluronate fragments is between 50,000 and 250,000 Da.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) A cosmetic method for improving wrinkled or dry skins comprising the topical application of a composition according to claim 1.

5. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic method for preventing or treating dermatoses associated with atrophy of the cutaneous tissue comprising the topical application of a composition according to claim 1.

6. (Previously presented) A dermatological method for improving preventing or treating wrinkled or dry skins comprising the topical application of a composition according to claim 1.

7. (Withdrawn) Method of treatment for preventing or treating dermatoses associated with atrophy of the cutaneous tissue comprising the topical application of a composition according to claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) The compositions according to claim 1, wherein the molecular weight of the hyaluronate fragments is between 250,000 and 750,000 Da.